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C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 0404

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENJG LY

SUBJECT: LARG/ OASIS PARTICIPATION NEGOTIATIONS

REF: TRIPOLI 0379

1. OASIS NEGOTIATOR SHAFER MET BRIEFLY WITH PETROLEUM MINISTER MABRUK APRIL 1. SUMMING UP TO MABRUK, SHAFER SAID THAT LITTLE PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN PARTICIPATION NEGOTIATIONS OTHER THAN EXCHANGE OF BASIC DATA. HE CONFESSED HIS CONCERN ABOUT SLOW PACE AND WONDERED IF GOVERNMENT REALLY INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATION.

2. MABRUK ANSWERED THAT ORIGINALLY RCC HAD BEEN INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATION; NOW, HOWEVER, AFTER SEEING IRANIAN AND IRAQI AGREEMENTS, IT INTERESTED  
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IN SOMETHING DIFFERENT. WHEN SHAFER ASKED FOR DETAILS, MABRUK SAID RCC MAINLY INTERESTED IN CONTROL OF PETROLEUM INDUSTRY AND IN ENSURING NEW INVESTMENT. OF COURSE, MABRUK ADDED, LARG WENTS MORE MONEY , BUT THIS IS LESS IMPORTANT THAN OTHER TWO POINTS.

3. SHAFER INDICATED HE WOULD CONTACT MABRUK FOR ANOTHER MEETING PRIOR TO LATTER' S DEPARTURE FOR BEIRUT APRIL 10 OR 11.

4. COMMENT: BOTH WE AND COMPANIES HAVE BEEN STRUCK BY LEISURELY PACE OF NEGOTIATIONS AND ATTRIBUTED IT TO FACT RCC HAS OTHER PREOCCUPATIONS AND HAS GIVEN

MABRUK ONLY MINIMAL GUIDANCE. FACT THAT RCC NOW CONSIDERING ALTERNATIVE TO PARTICIPATION INDICATES LEADERSHIP GIVING MORE THAN PASSING CONSIDERATION TO OIL PROBLEMS AND, IN SO DOING, KEEPING CAREFUL EYE ON DEVELOPMENTS ELSEWHERE.

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